

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 41, without prejudice or disclaimer. Please amend claims 1, 36 and 49 as follow:

1. (Amended) An expression cassette, comprising
a polynucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide including an immunogenic
HIV *Pol* polypeptide, wherein the polynucleotide sequence encoding said *Pol* polypeptide
comprises a sequence having at least 90% sequence identity to the sequence presented of Figure
8 (SEQ ID NO:30); Figure 9 (SEQ ID NO:31); or Figure 10 (SEQ ID NO:32).

36. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 30, wherein said composition is
delivered by using a particulate carrier.

49. (Amended) The expression cassette of claim 48 further comprising a nucleotide
sequence encoding a viral polypeptide selected from the group consisting of Gag, Env, vif, vpr,
tat, rev, vpu, nef₁ and combinations thereof.

Attached hereto are a **version with markings to show changes made** and a **pending**
claims.